(c) Government has recently enhanced the 'on account' rate of royalty on crude oil to Rs. 578/- per metric tonne w.e.f. 1.4.1996 subject to adjustment on notificaiton of the final rate of royalty and finalisation of crude price in due course.

Allotment of land for Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library

*375. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land of the presnt Bungalow Nos. 13,15,17,19, and 21 on Janpath, has been allotted to the Ministry of Welfare for construction of Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library, as decided by Government in 1991 when Birth Centenary of Dr. Ambedkar was celebrated;

(b) if so, whether the above land has since been handed over to that Ministry of construction of the proposed Library; and

(c) if so, what is the present status of the proposed Library?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. This Ministry had agreed in principle to allot the lands under bungalow nos. 13, 15, 17, 19 & 21 on Janpath to the Ministry of Welfare for construction of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Public Library. However, formal possession could not be handed over to the Ministry of Welfare as bungalow numbers 13, 15, 17 and 19 have not yet been vacated and handed over to CPWD by the Lok Sabha Secretariat. The matter is being pursued with the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

Kashmir Jehad Fund raised in London

*376. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Tribune of December 2, 1996, that a huge fund called, the 'Kashmir Jehad Fund' has been raised in London; and

(b) if so, what is Government's information about the extent of such fund, its use in disruptive activities in Kashmir and the players in the game?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There have been reports from time to time, about collection of funds by various groups in U.K., which are clandestinely channelled through Pakistan/POK for financing terrorist and subversive activities in J & K. It is, however, not possible to give specific details in this regard or to quantify such collections. The Government has been regularly sharing such reports and its concerns in this regard at the diplomatic level. Within the country, a close watch is kept by all the concerned security agencies with a view to check and contain the flow of such funds into the country.

Power purchase agreement between NTPC and Andhra Pradesh Government

*377. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has signed an agreement for purchase of power from the Simhadri Unit of NTPC; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the project is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) has been signed on 4.2.1997 between National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) for the Simhadri Thermal Power Project (2×500 MW) to be set up in Andhra Pradesh. The final investment approval for this project has not yet been accorded by the Government of India. The first unit of project is expected to be commissioned in 56 months after the date of such approval and the second unit nine months thereafter. the PPA, inter alia, contains details about tariff fixation, arrangements for billing and payments and the security package, dispute resolving mechanism etc.

Additional Power Capacity during the Eighth Five Year Plan

*378. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target for creation of additional power capacity during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what has been the actual erection of additional capacity;

(c) what are the reasons for the shortfall, if any; and

(d) how this position would be corrected during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The target fixed was 30537.7 MW.

(b) The likely capacity addition during the Eighth Plan period is 17660 MW

(c) The main reasons for shortfall have been paucity of resources rehabilitation & resettlements issues, law and order etc.

(d) Achievement of target for capacity addition in the Ninth Plan is proposed to be ensured through several measures including improved monitoring systems, priority to ongoing sanctioned schemes, streamlining and simplifying clearance procedures and reforms and restructuring of State Electricity Boards.

LPG agencies in Kumaun region of Uttar Pradesh

*379. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections with each agency in Ramnagar, Almora, Ranikhet, Haldwani and Nainital in Uttar Pradesh, alongwith the number of persons on the waiting list, as on the 31st January, 1997;

(b) by when the wait-listed persons in those towns are likely to be provided LPG connections; and

(c) what are the other places in hill districts of Kumaun Region in Uttar Pradesh where LPG facilities are available, and by when the remaining areas are likely to be provided with such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The details of number of LPG customers and number of persons on waiting list with each agency of Public Sector Oil Companies' distributorships as on 31.1.97